

REMARKS**I. Status of the Claims:**

Claims 1-25 are currently pending.

By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12, 13, 16 and 22 have been amended, and claims 3, 11, 14, 15, 17-21 and 23-25 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment.

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12, 13, 16 and 22 would be pending.

II. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103:

Claims 1, 4, 7-9, 11-12, 16, 19, 22 and 25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Barshefsky, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,385,609). Claims 17 and 23 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Roman, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,621,413). Claims 2, 10 and 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Barshefsky in view of Rickli, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,481,588). Claims 3, 14 and 20-21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Barshefsky in view of Roman, et al. Claims 5-6, 15, 18 and 24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Barshefsky in view of Tillmann (EP 0,891,109A2). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections, as follows.

Independent claims 1, 16 and 22, as amended, are directed to an arrangement involving storing identification numbers corresponding to the operation statuses of the equipment into a memory; discriminating the operation status of the equipment; searching said storage device for the identification number corresponding to the operation status discriminated; and calling another communication device with the identification number searched.

In contrast, neither Barashefsky, Roman, Rickli, nor Tillmann discloses or suggests to notify an operation status of an equipment by using a caller number. Accordingly, the cited references, individually or in combination, do not teach or suggest to search for the identification information corresponding to the operation status and to call another communication apparatus with the searched identification information as a caller number of a management apparatus (caller apparatus).

Accordingly, claims 1, 16 and 22 and their dependent claims are distinguishable over the cited references.

CONCLUSION

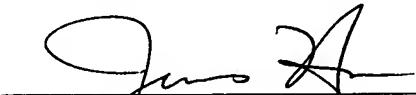
Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1232-4824.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1232-4824.

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